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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

JAY E. WIDMAN

Serial Number: 09/904,747

Filed: July 13, 2001

Title: "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
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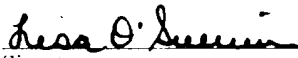
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 TO
FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 31, 2003**

In response to the Final Office Action, mailed January 31, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the amendments set forth below be entered and request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action in light of these amendments and the remarks below.

The three-month shortened statutory period for reply will be due April 30, 2003, therefore, this response is considered to be filed timely.